

# Kingsway



**For over 30 years**

Kingsway has tried to help those

incarcerated as well as their families. Kingsway understands that people have struggles in their lives. People are different when released from prison in how they react to stressful situations as they arise. One of the most important things is finding a group of people to fellowship with. When in prison they have more time to spend reading their Bible and praying. Once released, the concerns of this life overtake many. Fellowship with other believers with the same experiences empowers them. Christian support groups and programs help them to target the areas most vulnerable to failure upon re-entry. Supporting the physical body helps the spiritual and mental well being. God placed us on this earth to encourage one another through fellowship in Christ and prayer.

**Our Prayer is that more programs will be offered for rehabilitation and to put the non-violent offenders to work; paying taxes instead of our tax dollars supporting him/her and their family with welfare.**

## What Would You Do?



To understand another person you have to place yourself in their situation. Imagine yourself being the one released from prison.

**What would you do in this situation? How would you cope and react? Pause and think, it is a eye opener.**

- No Place to Live
- No Family or Friends
- No Job
- No Transportation
- No Money
- A Record that Will Follow you
- Everywhere you go

One day your loved one might be found in these situations. A grandson, granddaughter, brother, sister, even a husband or wife. One wrong choice could cause a lifetime of problems. This bad choice will never go away and society will never forgive or forget. Even after you pay your debt to society it follows you. I am so glad God does not have that attitude, but is always ready to forgive.

**Luke 6:37 (NIV) "...Forgive, and you will be forgiven."**



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**Percentages of Money used by Programs & Overhead**

- Re-entry 49%
- Inside Prison 2%
- Office Overhead 49%
- No paid CEO Officers or Staff



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## BREAKING THE CHALLENGES OF INCARCERATION AND RE-ENTRY

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# ≡ Obstacles Upon Re-entry



## HOUSING

One main concern upon re-entry is finding a place to live. A lot of places will not rent to an ex-offender. Plus, coming up with deposits and first months rent can be very difficult. This causes homelessness.

## Jobs



A job is really hard to find upon release from prison. Some employers will not even consider an ex-offender. Depending on how long you have been incarcerated you may not have the skill sets needed for a job. Technology is another factor to consider. Those who have little knowledge of a computer are already at a disadvantage. Some jobs only have online applications.



## Transportation

Transportation is also a problem. When applying for jobs, going to work and appointments with your parole officer can become a real issue. Some of the bus routes do not coincide with the areas people live in. Appointments not kept can result in re-incarceration. This creates another stressful situation.

## Technology



Someone who has been incarcerated for many years has issues with using computers and even cell phones. Our society is moving more into the direction of using electronic devices in our daily lives. This can be a real challenge to an ex-offender's coping skills. The country was one way upon entering prison and completely different upon release. They feel like they are in a foreign country where no one speaks their language. The things we take for granted are a real challenge for them.



## Phone

One of the greatest needs for an ex-offender is a cell phone. Without a phone they can't call for information. They need a phone so an employer can contact them about a job. Phones are also needed for contacting their parole officer and taking required classes.

## ID Cards



Due to fines and other charges, some ex-offenders have lost their drivers license. They must have a form of picture ID. This is a must have when applying for jobs and any type of housing or services. Some have even lost their birth certificate and Social Security card because, when they were locked up, their personal belongings were thrown away or misplaced.

## Kingsway's Programs

### Inside Prison Ministry:

- Church Services
- Bible Studies
- Furnish Bibles
- Birthday & Holiday Cards
- Revivals & Crusades
- Pen-pals



### Outside Prison Ministry:

Kingsway's goal is to help returning citizens to transition back into society.

Kingsway tries to meet the immediate needs of a returning Citizen or his/her family, both Physically and Spiritually.



- Bible Study
- Groups/Fellowship/Life Skills
- Mentoring
- Resource Referrals

### Children's Outreach

- Apple Tree Christmas
- Christian Camp
- Easter Baskets

